

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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October 19, 2000

Charles Howorth  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
333 Commerce Street  
Suite 2101  
Nashville, TN 37201-3300

Re: Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service,  
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Mr. Howorth:

Your July 31, 2000 letter states that you have notified incumbent independent LECs operating in Tennessee of your intentions to change the existing intraLata toll settlement plan. According to your new plan, incumbent LECs would begin paying other ILECs for termination of toll calls on the others' networks on the basis of filed switched access charges. Your letter also made reference to "arrangements that have been implemented relatively easily in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and for selected companies in Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana".

In order for the Authority to gain a more detailed understanding of these arrangements, please respond to the following:

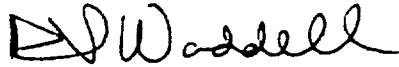
- 1) Have all agreements been terminated by BellSouth in Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina? If not, which agreements remain and why are they not being terminated?
- 2) Compare the terms and conditions of the arrangements<sup>1</sup> implemented in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky and Louisiana with those proposed in Tennessee. Include discussions of both similar and differing terms and conditions.
- 3) For which selected companies in Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana have agreements been terminated?
- 4) For which companies do agreements remain in place in Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana and why did BellSouth not terminate these agreements?

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<sup>1</sup> Arrangements that have been referred to in your letter of July 31, 2000 to independent LECs in Tennessee.

It is requested that this information be furnished no later than Friday October 27, 2000. If there is need for clarification of this request, please contact David Foster at 615-741-2904 ext. 188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DWaddell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first part being a stylized "DW" and the second part being "addell".

David Waddell  
Executive Secretary